

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #5

March 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins expressed his concern with a comment Dr. Martin made, and the athletic eligibility grade point average.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- February 24, 2015, Board Work Session
- February 24, 2015, Board Meeting #4
- March 5, 2015, Special Board Meeting (4 sets)
- March 5, 2015, Closed Meeting (4 sets)

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

The following reports and updates were received:

- February 23, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- February 26, 2015, Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- Informational Reports: Contracted Services, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches

Clerical Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the appointment of Naomi Stoner as Secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective Wednesday, March 11, 2015 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Staff Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Duane Miracle effective March 15, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Coaching Recommendations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the coaches listed below for the 2014/15 school year; as per the MCEA master agreement.

| Last Name | First Name | Title | Sport | School |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Schade | Doug | Coach | Golf - JV Boys | MHS |
| Sellers | Ernie | Coach | Softball - JV | MHS |
| Davis | James | Coach | Softball - Varsity Girls | MHS |
| Hochradel | Scott | Coach | Tennis - JV Girls | MHS |
| Matusik | Bob | Coach | Tennis - Varsity Girls | MHS |
| Wood | Robert | Assistant Coach | Track - Varsity Boys | MHS |
| Ray | Kris | Assistant Coach | Track - Varsity Girls | MHS |
| Scoles | Mark | Head Coach | Track - Varsity Boys | MHS |
| Mydloski | Jim | Head Coach | Track - Varsity Girls | MHS |
| Miller | James | Coach | Baseball - 7th Grade | Monroe Middle |
| Volpi | Annalee | Supervisor | Middle School Athletics | Monroe Middle |
| Pitcher | Debra | Head Coach | Track - 7/8 Boys | Monroe Middle |
| Pilgrim | Kevin | Head Coach | Track - 7/8 Girls | Monroe Middle |
| Finnegan | Patrick | Assistant Coach | Track - 7/8 Boys | Monroe Middle |
| Moytka | Ron | Assistant Coach | Track - 7/8 Girls | Monroe Middle |

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Board Policies – First Reading

Section 7000 – Instructional Program was presented to the Board as a first reading. No action was required. Mr. VanWasshenova suggested removing policy 7180 since we no longer offer driver education. The board agreed, therefore section 7180 will be removed.

Budget Amendment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mentel to adopt the amended 2014/15 fund budgets for the General, Food Service, and Building and Site Sinking funds as presented.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

Instrumental groups from Monroe Middle School and Monroe High School will perform at Monroe County Community College's Meyer Theater in the Michigan High School Band and Orchestra festival. The event, which also includes musical groups from other local schools and some premiere Wayne County musical programs, is being coordinated by our music department, led by Ann and Mark Felder. Nearly 2,000 students will take part in the festival.

Our new website is expected to go live by the end of the month. Technology and our Communications Department are taking care of the final details.

Congratulations are in order for a number of students and several of our programs.

- Monroe Middle School eighth grader Gino Assenmacher won the MMS geography bee and will compete in the state meet sponsored by National Geographic later this month in Battle Creek.
- Monroe High School sophomore Katie Tayler has been accepted to the Smith College Young Women's Writing Workshop, a two-week summer scholarship program, where she will receive instruction in various forms and styles of writing of published authors and poets.
- MHS Senior Jonathan Brown has been accepted to two of the most prestigious colleges in the country – Harvard and M.I.T. He plans to study math and astrophysics and one day plans to be a college professor.

- Three MHS wrestlers placed in the individual state meet in Auburn Hills this past weekend. They are Carl Antrassian, wrestling at 112, fourth place; Tyler Hammack (171), fifth place; and Logan DiCarlo (140), sixth place.
- Twelve members of the MHS Health Occupations Students of America chapter went to regional competition recently and all 12 qualified for the state competition. It is the first time in anyone's memory that every participant from MHS qualified for the state competition. We also had three first-place finishers – Alexa Eagle, Natalie Lake and Rami Dahbour; two second-place finishers – Dionne Fletcher and Kari Havens, and two third-place finishers – Amanda Lis and Kayla Whiting.

The AIM program will recognize its top performers at a banquet on March 19. To be recognized and earn a \$200 stipend which can be used for their post-secondary education, a student must improve his or her GPA by at least 15 percent in working with their AIM mentor. Twenty-nine students were recognized for accomplishing that goal after the first trimester, and the program doubled in size for the second trimester. We are very proud of these students and very thankful to their mentors and to our community for supporting this program.

Arborwood held its Read to Succeed Day on March 2. Among the people who read Dr. Seuss books to four classrooms were a pro football player, the reigning Miss Michigan, our mayor and a state senator as well as several members of our administration and other prominent friends of Monroe Public Schools.

As part of our celebration of Black History Month throughout the district, former Negro League baseball player Ted Toles Jr. spoke to Custer Elementary students in two interesting and entertaining programs. They were covered in person by two newspapers and a television station. Thanks to MHS graduate Roosevelt Barnes for helping to line up Mr. Toles.

Monroe Middle School students observed the National Spread the Word to End the Word campaign, by spreading 2,000 Post-It Notes with a tolerance message on everything that didn't move. Later, 100 of the students – members of the National Junior Honor Society led by Scott Hoppert – gathered in the auditorium and sent out a world's record 1,636 texts in five minutes to share the message of understanding and caring. Two TV stations covered the MMS events live for more than two hours that morning and two newspapers also covered the event in person.

Over the next two weeks, we will be starting an on-line survey and host two 10-person focus groups on the impressions these people have of Monroe Public Schools. This research will go into molding a marketing strategy. Our focus groups will be divided into two categories – employees and the general public. When you are informed of the survey, please fill it out, and if you are asked to participate in a focus group, please do.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

Mrs. Mentel shared a flyer from the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition regarding the dangers of E-Cigarettes.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins disagrees with the time limit for public commentary.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Bunkelman that the March 10, 2015, Board Meeting #5 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Philbeck', written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Philbeck, Secretary